

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method to control operation of a portlet associated with a portal page, comprising:

deactivating a selected portlet in response to operating a deactivation feature;
freezing a portlet content in the selected portlet except a reactivation feature in response to deactivating the selected portlet; and
reactivating the selected portlet in response to operating the reactivation feature, wherein the deactivated selected portlet is prevented from being moved, closed, edited or affected.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising disabling hyperlinks, buttons and other inputs to the selected portlet in response to deactivating the selected portlet.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising reconfiguring a portal server associated with the portal page to ensure that a portlet content of the selected portlet cannot be affected while the selected portlet is deactivated.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising detecting a deactivated state of the selected portlet.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising replacing a content of the selected portlet with a frozen content in response to a portal server detecting a deactivated state of the selected portlet.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising enabling hyperlinks, buttons and other inputs to the selected portlet in response to reactivating the selected portlet.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising permitting a content of the selected portlet to be updated in response to reactivating the selected portlet.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising launching a new portlet similar to the deactivated, selected portlet in response to a portal server receiving a request that calls for use of the deactivated, selected portlet if the deactivated, selected portlet is a singleton portlet.
10. (Currently Amended) A method to control operation of a portlet associated with a portal page, comprising:
 - deactivating a selected portlet in response to operating a deactivation feature;
 - overlaying the selected portlet with an electronic pane or window to block all inputs of the selected portlet while the selected portlet is deactivated except a reactivation feature in the portlet; and
 - reactivating the selected portlet in response to operating the reactivation feature, wherein the deactivated selected portlet is prevented from being moved, closed, edited or affected.
11. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising automatically replacing a content of the selected portlet with a frozen content in response to detecting a deactivated state of the selected portlet.
12. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising removing the overlaying pane in response to a portal server detecting a reactivated state of the selected portlet.

13. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising automatically replacing a frozen content of the selected portlet with any updated content in response to reactivating the selected portlet.

14. (Original) The method of claim 10, further comprising launching a new portlet similar to the deactivated, selected portlet in response to a portal server receiving a request that calls for the deactivated, selected portlet and the deactivated, selected portlet being a singleton portlet.

15. (Currently Amended) A method to control operation of a portlet associated with a portal page, comprising:

deactivating a selected portlet by at least one of preserving, freezing or caching data or information in the selected portlet; and
changing a behavior of the deactivated selected portlet on the portal page,
wherein the deactivated selected portlet is prevented from being moved, closed,
edited or affected.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising preventing the portlet from being affected by refreshes across the portal page.

17. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising selectively toggling the portlet to change the portlet's ability to be targeted by a portal click-to-action feature.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15, further comprising:

selectively ignoring a presence of a singleton portlet; and
creating a new instance of the singleton portlet in response to the singleton portlet being needed to perform a task.

19. (Currently Amended) A portal page, comprising:
a plurality of portlets;

a deactivation feature associated with at least one of the plurality of portlets to deactivate the portlet to preserve a selected content of the at least one portlet; and
a reactivation feature formed in the portal in response to the at least one portlet being deactivated,
wherein the deactivated portlet is prevented from being moved, closed, edited or affected.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) The portal page of claim 19, further comprising an electronic pane or window overlaying the at least one portlet to block all inputs of the at least one portlet while the at least one portlet is deactivated.

22. (Original) The portal page of claim 19, further comprising another portlet similar to the at least one portlet being launched in response to a request that calls for use of the at least one portlet, if the at least one portlet is deactivated and a singleton portlet.

23. (Currently Amended) A method to form a portal page, comprising:
providing a plurality of portlets;
providing a deactivation feature associated with at least one of the plurality of portlets to deactivate the portlet to preserve a selected content of the at least one portlet; and
forming a reactivation feature in response to the at least one portlet being deactivated,
wherein the deactivated portlet is prevented from being moved, closed, edited or affected.

24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 23, further comprising forming an electronic pane or window overlaying the at least one portlet to block all inputs of the at least one portlet except the reactivation feature while the at least one portlet is deactivated.

26. (Original) The method of claim 23, further comprising providing another portlet similar to the at least one portlet in response to a request that calls for use of the at least one portlet, if the at least one portlet is deactivated and a singleton portlet.

27. (Currently Amended) A system to control operation of a portlet, comprising:
a portal server; and
a portlet deactivation/reactivation feature operable on the portal server,
wherein the portlet deactivation/reactivation feature comprises means to
deactivate a selected portlet in response to operating a deactivation feature and means
to reactivate a deactivated portlet in response to operating a reactivation feature, and
wherein the deactivated selected portlet is prevented from being moved, closed,
edited or affected.

28. – 29. (Canceled)

30. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein the portlet deactivation/reactivation feature comprises means for freezing a portlet content in a selected portlet in response to deactivating the selected portlet.

31. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein the portlet deactivation/reactivation feature comprises means for disabling hyperlinks, buttons and other inputs to a selected portlet in response to deactivating the selected portlet.

32. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein the portlet deactivation/reactivation feature comprises means to reconfigure the portal server to

ensure that a portlet content of a selected portlet cannot be affected while the selected portlet is deactivated.

33. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein the portlet deactivation/reactivation feature comprises means for detecting a state of a portlet.

34. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein the portlet deactivation/reactivation feature comprises means for replacing a content of a deactivated portlet with a frozen content in response to the portal server detecting a deactivated state of the deactivated portlet.

35. (Original) The system of claim 27, wherein the portlet deactivation/reactivation feature comprises means for launching a new portlet similar to a deactivated portlet in response to the portal server receiving a request that calls for use of the deactivated portlet if the deactivated portlet is a singleton.

36. (Original) The system of claim 27, further comprising means for preventing the portlet from being affected by refreshes across the portal page.

37. (Original) The system of claim 27, further comprising means for selectively toggling the portlet to change the portlet's ability to be targeted by a portal click-to-action feature.

38. (Currently Amended) A method of making a system to control operation of a portlet, comprising:

providing a portal server;
providing a portlet deactivation/reactivation feature operable on the portal servers; and
providing means for freezing a portlet content in a selected portlet in response to deactivating the selected portlet,

wherein the deactivated selected portlet is prevented from being moved, closed, edited or affected.

39. (Canceled)

40. (Original) The method of claim 38, further comprising providing means for disabling hyperlinks, buttons and other inputs to a selected portlet in response to deactivating the selected portlet.

41. (Original) The method of claim 38, further comprising providing means to reconfigure the portal server to ensure that a portlet content of a selected portlet cannot be affected while the selected portlet is deactivated.

42. (Original) The method of claim 38, further comprising providing means for replacing a content of a deactivated portlet with a frozen content in response to the portal server detecting a deactivated state of the portlet.

43. (Original) The method of claim 38, further comprising providing means for launching a new portlet similar to a deactivated portlet in response to the portal server receiving a request that calls for use of the deactivated portlet if the deactivated portlet is a singleton.

44. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising one from the group consisting of an electronic medium, a magnetic medium, an electromagnetic medium a semiconductor medium, having computer-executable instructions for performing a method, comprising:

deactivating a selected portlet in response to operating a deactivation feature;
freezing a portlet content in the selected portlet in response to deactivating the selected portlet; and

reactivating the selected portlet in response to operating a reactivation feature,

wherein the deactivated selected portlet is prevented from being moved, closed, edited or affected.

45. (Canceled)

46. (Original) The computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 44, further comprising disabling hyperlinks, buttons and other inputs to the selected portlet in response to deactivating the selected portlet.

47. (Original) The computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 44, further comprising reconfiguring a portal server associated with the portal page to ensure that a portlet content of the selected portlet cannot be affected while the selected portlet is deactivated.

48. (Original) The computer-readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing the method of claim 44, further comprising overlaying the selected portlet with an electronic pane or window to block all inputs of the selected portlet while the selected portlet is deactivated.